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- 1. U.S. Patent 6, 239,071 dated May 2001;
- 2. International Patent No. WO 98/15537 dated April 16, 1998;
- 3. International Patent No. WO 98/34925 dated August 13, 1998;
- 4. European Patent No. 0 471 284 A1 dated February 19, 1992;

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- 10. Patent Abstracts of Japan, vol. 16, no. 329, Publication Number 04095003, Publication Date March 27, 1992;
- 11. Derwent Publication, Japanese application no. 1995-397094, referred to as XP-002125908; and
- 12. Derwent Publication, Japanese application no. 1995-397095, referred to as XP-002125909.

REMARKS

As these publications were cited during the prosecution of the parent application, copies of these publications are not enclosed. Should one or more copies of these publications not be available to the Examiner, it is requested that he or she contacts the undersigned and replacement copies will be provided.

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